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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

J. Eric Lauritzen, et al.

Serial No.: 09/726,796

Confirmation No.: 5691

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For: Apparatus For Preventing
Erosion of Wellbore
Components and Method
of Fabricating Same

Group Art Unit: 1723

Examiner: Robert J. Popovics

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 7, 2002

In response to the Office Action dated March 7, 2002, having a shortened
statutory period for response set to expire on June 7, 2002, please enter the
following amendments and reconsider the claims pending in the application for
reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit
Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0072/WBP, for any fees, including extension of time
fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to
the Office.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect claims 1-11 and
28-31, Group I, and withdraw a request reconsideration of the restriction
requirement.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1, cancel claims 8, 9, and 28-31, withdraw claims 12-27, and
add new claim 32.

1. (Amended) An apparatus for preventing erosion of wellbore components
comprising: